ONGC's refinery in Rajasthan

397. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC and the State Government of Rajasthan are at loggerheads over physical incentives to set up a $ 3 billion refinery in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, how much fiscal support ONGC has sought from the State Government to make the fefinery project viable; and

(c) the stand taken by the State Government of Rajasthan in this matter and by when the above project is likely to start work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) ONGC/MRPL and a delegation from the Government of Rajasthan's have interacted and held discussions on the subject in June, 2007. ONGC has intimated that they are exploring feasibility and doing due diligence for setting up an optimum capacity well head refinery in Rajasthan with due facilitation from the Government of Rajasthan. ONGC has informed that fiscal incentives of the order of Rs. 1300 crore per annum for 15 years would be needed to make the 7.5 MMTPA project viable.

The matter is further being discussed between ONGC and the State Government of Rajasthan.

ONGC is continuing optimisation studies for improving techno-commercial viability of refinery.

CNG stations in metros

398. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are adequate number of CNG stations in all the metros;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same would be set up in all the metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) There are 127 CNG stations in Mumbai (including in Thane and Mira Bhayandar). There are 153 CNG filling stations in Delhi including 1 station in Noida. Presently, there are three CNG stations in Hyderabad. CNG facility is not being provided in other metros as natural gas is still not available there. More CNG filling stations would be opened in Delhi and Mumbai, depending upon demand and economic viability. Regarding Hyderabad, CNG is presently being transported through mobile cascades from Vijaywada, which is about 275 km away; hence opening of new CNG filling stations in Hyderabad would also depend upon availability of gas.

(c) The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different metros in the country is being taken up in a phased manner, depending upon availability of gas and economic viability.